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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method for delivering an siRNA or engineered RNA precursor to a cell, the method comprising:
 - (a) obtaining a cell

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- (b) conjugating at least one delivery peptide to an siRNA or engineered RNA precursor, thereby forming a peptide-conjugate; and
- (c) contacting the cell with the peptide-conjugate.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery peptide is a Tat peptide.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the delivery peptide has a sequence substantially similar to the sequence of SEQ ID NO. 12.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery peptide is a homeobox (hox) peptide.
 - 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery peptide is a MTS.
 - 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery peptide is VP22.
 - 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the deliver peptide is MPG.
 - 8. A method for delivering an siRNA to a cell, the method comprising:
 - (a) obtaining a cell;
 - (b) forming a mixture comprising an siRNA and at least one dendrimer; and
 - (c) contacting the cell with the mixture, thereby delivering the siRNA to the cell.
 - 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the dendrimer is PAMAM.
 - 10. A kit for conjugating a delivery peptide to a siRNA, comprising the delivery peptide and an activating agent.
 - 11. The kit of claim 10, wherein the delivery peptide is selected from the group consisting of Tat, homeobox (hox), MTS, MPG, and VP22.
 - 12. A kit for preparing an siRNA delivery mixture comprising a dendrimer and instructions for use in mixing with an siRNA.
- 13. The kit of claim 12, wherein the dendrimer is PAMAM.
 - 14. An siRNA delivery mixture comprising a dendrimer.
 - 15. An siRNA or engineered RNA precursor conjugated to a delivery peptide.
 - 16. The siRNA of claim 15 wherein the delivery peptide is chosen from the group consisting of Tat, homeobox (hox), VP22, MPG, and MST.